

# Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2020  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT -  
YEAR A

**Response to the Psalm:**

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

**Mystery of Faith:**

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.*

*We, the priest and parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Lee, seek to continue to give witness to God's inclusive love by welcoming everyone.*

**Please remember in your prayers: the sick and the housebound, at home, in hospital or in residential care.**

We remember especially:  
Ellen Altringham, Felicity Goddard, Veronica Hurtswaite, Dominic Nutt, Rowena A, Pat Sullivan, Donald Terry, Josephine Terry, Shaun Wilkinson, Doreen Wood, Margaret Maloney, Merlyn Lee, Jackie McNamara, Christine Larkin, Margaret Mizen, Richard Cox, Kathleen Dillon, Josiane Guest, Phil McNamara, Patricia Holland, Louisa Brown  
*May the Lord bring them comfort and healing and bring strength to those who care for them.*



**Please pray for those who have died, remembering especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time:**

Lewis Philip Anthony Kench, Mary Amelia Sansom, Marie Gocking, Richard George Scully, Samuel Morrison, Matthew Brennan, Thomas Breen, Thomas Griffin  
*May these, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of Christ.*

**THIS WEEK – MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Saturday	29th	9.00am 6.30pm	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b> First Mass of Sunday	<b>Marina Stanislaus RIP</b> Holy Souls
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	First Sunday of Lent – Year A	Anne Fernandes RIP People of this Parish
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	<b>REQUIEM MASS</b>	<b>Eamonn Maher RIP</b>
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm		World Peace
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am		Victor and Tony Hyland RIP
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am		Grace Perera RIP
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am		T/g: Cathleen & Bryan
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Wendy Farrelly RIP
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	Second Sunday of Lent – Year A	Sheila Griffin RIP People of this parish

**Invitation - Coffee is served in the parish hall after 9.00am Sunday Mass.  
Please come and join us for coffee and a chat.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Next Saturday 9.30-10.15am and 5.45-6.15pm

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

1/2 hour Adoration after the weekday morning masses.  
First Friday Adoration: until 12 noon every month.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** 9.00am every Tuesday

**FATHERS PRAYER GROUP:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Every Sunday at 9.00 am in term time.

**ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Sunday Coffee: Volunteers  
Collection Counter: Jim

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

Genesis 12: 1-4a; Second Timothy 1: 8b-10; Matthew 17: 1-9

**Offertory Collection:** £736.74 **Poor Parishes:** £277.91 Thank you.

## PARISH NEWS *(Please see notice board for full details)*

### **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

#### **200 Club Winners**

23/02/2020      £25      No. 40      Denis Grey

**Chorus Rehearsals:** Every Monday at 8.00pm in the church.

**Parish Lenten Lunches:** Our soup lunches for Lent begin this weekend in the Parish Hall after 11 o'clock mass; so at around Noon if you are not at the mass itself. This week the soup is being provided by the Parish Chorus who extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners and, of course, friends. The Lenten soup lunches are an opportunity during the season of Lent for the parish family to come together, meet one another and enjoy a simple lunch of soup and bread prepared each week by a different parish organisation. There is a small charge for the soup which will be passed on to the charity of choice for each group. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **RCIA – Our Journey in Faith – Every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery:**

Please do keep all those attending in your prayers.

**Cafod Fast Day: Friday 6th March:** Friday 6th March. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Please also find out about Cafod's work on Climate Change, 'Renew our Common Home', by going to their website [cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate](http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate). Please sign the online petition to the Prime Minister. We will also have paper copies available to sign. During Lent we will be focusing on God's gift of creation and how we must work to preserve it. Look out for displays around the church!

**Garden Tidy Up:** Please help us to prepare for Easter by joining us on 21st March at 11 o'clock in the church garden. Thank you!

**Year of The Word 2020:** Presentation by Fr Victor Darlington - Sacred Heart School, Camberwell on Saturday, March 14th 2020.

For more information, please collect a programme at the back of the church and if you would like to attend, let Fr Emeka know so that he could inform them of numbers.

**Readers and Extraordinary Ministers:** Thank you to all volunteers for all your hard work for the Parish.

Please see the noticeboard for the new rota. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange cover with other volunteers at the same Mass. Pay special attention to the Easter services. There is a special rota for these services which is different to the usual midweek Mass.

There is a great need for volunteers to take Communion to the housebound. The Ministers who currently visit are finding it very difficult to cope. You must have a DBS check before you can join the rota but the process is not onerous. If you can help, not matter how infrequently, please let Father and Mark know.

Unfortunately we have had to reduce the number of EMs to one or two at Mass because of people no longer able to be on the rota, leaving the Parish etc. If you are the first EM and want to try and get more EMs for your Mass, then please do but also, please be sensitive to those who only wish to volunteer occasionally. Also, please add your name to the rota on the Noticeboard whenever you can an extra 'shift'. (Especially welcome at the 11 o'clock mass.)

**Children's Liturgy** takes place every Sunday during term time at 9 .00am Mass during the Liturgy of the Word. Children up to and including Year 2 are welcome to join us. It is an opportunity for children to listen to The Word and participate in discussions and activities at their own level of understanding.

**Health Ministry -New Charity:** Please join our conversation in an exciting mission of setting up a new charity for a Health Ministry which will provide health, wellbeing and Parish Nurse services from your local Catholic parish. We require skills for a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and require Trustees from professional health, social, or child education backgrounds, people who are, or have been carers, or if you have an interest in maintaining and supporting health and wellbeing for yourself and/or others. Further information and the minutes from our first open conversation (held on 11-02-20 World Day of the Sick) are available via Ali Ryan (member of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lee) at [alianco51@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alianco51@yahoo.co.uk). We look forward to you joining our mission.

**Stations of the Cross** Every Sunday in Lent at 5.00 pm.

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### **Prayer for the Year of the Word: The God who Speaks**

**All: Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.**

**Amen**

**Priest:** *Your word is our path and your truth our light.*

**All:** **This day and every day.**